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To,

**Ms. Anita Johri,
Sr.GM(SR), BSNL C.O.,
Bharat Sanchar Bhawan,
Janpath, New Delhi - 110 001**

Madam,

Sub: - **Violation of rules by the Chennai Circle Administration, in conducting the Circle Council meeting – requesting for your kind intervention - reg.**

Ref: - **CGM Chennai Telephones letter no.ASR/CHTD/25th Circle Council/Corr/2020-21/1 dated 27.07.2021.**

Kindly recollect the telephonic conversation that I had with you on the subject. In this connection, I wish to bring the following to your kind notice.

As I have already informed, the Circle Council meeting of Chennai Telephones circle is being convened on 30.07.2021. As per the provisions, it is only the Staff Side, Secretary, who can submit items for discussion in the council meeting. However, the Circle Secretary of NFTE BSNL, instead of sending the items to the Staff Side, Secretary, has directly sent them to the Administration, by endorsing a copy to the Staff Side, Secretary.

This is totally a wrong practice and hence unacceptable. The Staff Side, Secretary, i.e., the Circle Secretary, BSNLEU, has requested the Circle Secretary, NFTE BSNL, to send the items to him, instead of sending them directly to the Administration. However, this is not accepted by the Circle Secretary, NFTE BSNL.

Hence, having no other alternative, the Staff Side, Secretary, submitted the items of BSNLEU to the Administration, for discussion in the circle council. However, he has also mentioned in that letter that, additional items if any, would be submitted shortly. This is done with the hope that, the Circle Secretary, NFTE BSNL would send the items to the Secretary, Staff Side, at least belatedly.

Under these circumstances, the Staff Side, Secretary, has received an intimation from the Circle Administration, stating that the Circle Council would be held on 30.07.2021 and only the items of the Management Side would be discussed in the meeting. It is also mentioned in that letter that, the items submitted by the Staff Side, Secretary, could not be accepted, since there is no consensus among the Staff Side, in submitting these items.

I would like to state that, the Administration cannot reject the items of BSNLEU, stating that there is no consensus among the Staff Side members. To put it plainly, this is beyond the purview of the Circle Administration. As per rules, the items submitted by the Staff Side Secretary, should be accepted by the Circle Administration. As I have explained above, the items of BSNLEU alone were submitted to the Management, since no item from the NFTE BSNL was submitted to the Staff Side Secretary. Under these circumstances, it is not appropriate on the part of the Administration to reject the items of BSNLEU.

Further, the Circle Administration has intimated that, the Circle Council meeting would be held on 30.07.2021, to discuss only the agenda items of the Management Side. However, no item of the Management Side has been notified to the Staff Side members. Without notifying the Management Side items to the Staff Side members, no discussion can take place in the Circle Council, on those items.

I would like to bring to your kind notice that, the Chennai Circle Administration is not following the instructions regarding the functioning of the Council. Further, by exploiting the 'so called differences' among the Recognised Unions, the Circle Administration has rejected the items submitted by BSNLEU. This is highly improper and cannot be accepted.

Hence, I request you to kindly look into this issue and to issue appropriate guideline to the Chennai Circle Administration to follow the rules and to ensure the proper functioning of the Circle Council. Further, instruction may also please be issued to the Chennai circle administration, to advise the circle secretary, NFTE BSNL, for submitting his agenda items to the Staff Side Secretary.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,



[P. Abhimanyu]
General Secretary

Encl: Copy of the letter cited under reference.